

"Roommate Game" takes center stage

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Guest Writer

"Would your roommate prefer a romantic walk on the beach or a tandem bike ride?" This question was the first among many to be asked of thirty daring contestants participating in Dordt's annual "Roommate Game" put on by Res Life staff.

Signing up with their most-familiar roommate of choice, fifteen pairs of Dordt's own juniors and seniors took to center stage on Monday night and braved questions ranging from "How many times a week does your roommate shave?" to "How long ago did your roommate wash his/her bed sheets?" (One response to this question was "NEVER." This person will however remain nameless).

To the question "What's the craziest thing your roommate has ever done?" Sheena Van Boom replied, "I played in the mud." Her partner, Jolene Dykstra, thought differently, responding with: "She got engaged."

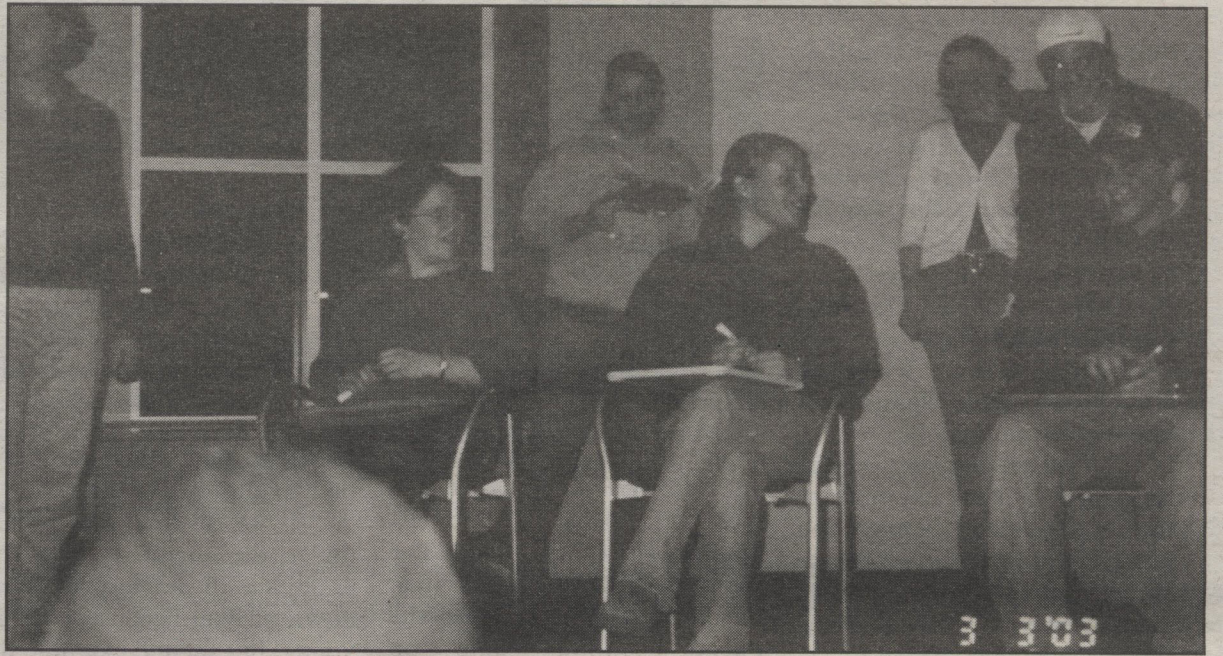
The question "Would your

roommate rather do a belly-flop from the high dive or be stung in the face by a bee?" was met by mixed responses, as was the spin-off question from the traditional scrunch or fold: "How many squares of toilet paper does your roommate use?" (The most common answer of the night was 10 squares "per sitting.")

After a four-stage tie early in the game, the game proceeded smoothly leaving four pairs to fight for the title of champion. Of the four remaining pairs, Vicki Bylsma and Eileen Weverink took third place, Hope Franken and Cindy Scholten placed second, and coming out on top were Ryan de Lange and Colin Wielenga, winning a \$15 gift certificate to Sioux Center's Mexican restaurant.

Second place took home \$10 of Bean Bucks for the Humble Bean, and the third place contestants walked away with a lovely 12-pack of TP.

Revealing such activities as topless dinners by females, waist measurements of 32", and dreams of dancing with Sean Connery were among the highlights of the night for this quasi-newlywed game show.



Cindy Scholten

Above: Hope Franken opposes Colin Wielenga. The stage is set in the Campus Center for playing the annual "Roommate Game."

Right: Roommate bonding times like this are the reason that Cindy Scholten and Hope Franken placed 2nd in the "Roommate Game."



PLIA Retreat prepares teams for field

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A two part retreat was organized this past weekend for the Dordt students who will be going on PLIA during the upcoming spring break. The retreat took place on Friday, February 28 from 6 to 9 pm and Saturday, March 1, from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Faith CRC in Sioux Center.

The purpose of the retreat was to help the students get to know the people they will be traveling and working with for a ten-day mission trip.

Kelly Vander Pol from the PLIA planning committee says that the retreat is also to "set the mood for the mission trip." Vander Pol says, "I think having a retreat before and listening to a speaker talk to us about going and serving in different cultures and situations really sets the tone."

Vander Pol was excited about the

turn out. "I was impressed at how many people were actually there. There were not as many on Friday but Saturday we had a lot," she said. Vander Pol commented that the lower Friday night numbers were probably due to the Dordt-Northwestern basketball game which overlapped the retreat. "We actually talked about moving the date," she said.

The PLIA-goers arrived at the church on Friday evening and divided into the teams with which they would be serving with. Circles of people dotted the back hall of Faith CRC and introductions ensued. After names, birthplaces and personal quirks were shared, a rousing set of get-to-know-ya games got under way. "What-What-What's-your-name," Get-to-Know-you-BINGO and Lego constructions were among the amusements planned for the PLIA teams.

Saturday's activities included a guest speaker. Pastor

Dan De Groot, Director of Justice for All in Rock Valley, IA, spoke about the attitudes necessary to be effective in missions. De Groot was chosen because "he has done a lot with the ministries that PLIA is serving, and he has a good perspective on what it is like to go out and serve," said Vander Pol.

The retreat concluded with some prayer and a Praise and Worship team also made of Dordt College students. Vander Pol thought the Praise team was a good addition. She said, "We could just kick back and let go. It just finished out the night really well."

Rachel Pontier, a sophomore who attended the retreat, also appreciated the event. "I thought it served its purpose. I got to know my team better—who they were and what personalities I would be working with."

The PLIA teams will leave Dordt on Thursday, March 13 and will return on Monday, March 24.

Assisting students in the ministry

Allison Alons
News Editor

Scholarships are now being offered to students who are interested in pursuing the ministry during the summer break.

Many times, these valuable ministry experiences are low-paying, and Dordt College wants to be able to help ease these financial matters. Last summer a total of \$5000 was awarded to ten students for their participation in summer mission or ministry work that has an emphasis on Christian service or requires a significant cross-cultural experience.

Senior Andrea Pausma speaks highly of the scholarship that enabled her to go to Jos, Nigeria: "I decided to apply for the summer ministries scholarship after I decided to go on an 8-week summer mission project with Christian Reformed World Missions. I had heard of other people getting these scholarships for camp or other mission projects since they didn't earn much money in the summer." Pausma says this

scholarship helped her not to get discouraged about the financial situation, and helped her realize that God was leading her more toward this ministry position.

Junior Rachelle Kroll was also one of the ten who received this scholarship. "Over the summer, I went to Romania, and having [the scholarship] was really helpful. It knocked out the financial problems, and it felt great to be sponsored and supported by the college. It was very encouraging," said Kroll. Junior Amber Fopma went to China for a month. "The scholarship was really, really nice to have. It was great to know that Dordt even offered these scholarships - most people were amazed that I had received that kind of support from my college. It was a big blessing," said Fopma.

Other exciting news is the fact that thanks to the Lilly Vocation Grant, approximately \$30,000 more will be available to support this scholarship this summer. Applications must be completed by Thursday, March 27, for eligibility.

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Students travel to educate youth

Rosie Grantham
Staff Writer

On the morning of Monday, February the 23rd, students sleepily crawled off to their classes, only to find that some of their classmates.....were MISSING!

Reid Rozeboom, Sarah Vanderaa, Julie Vanden Heuvel, Wilbert Talen, Denise VerBeek, Karlyn Geleynse, Chris Kuperus, Ian Ross, Dan De Boer, Stephen De Witt, Everett Baker, Josh Vermeer, and Mike Elders were all absent from their classes that fateful Monday.

What could have ever happened to keep them from their education? Only the painstaking plotting of Pastor Don Draayer, who gave them an education, of a different sort.

The thirteen Dordt stu-



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Above: Ian Ross, Stephen De Witt and Wilbert Talen whistle in three-part harmony as Mike Elders looks on, during a break.

Left: the attendees pose for a photo with Pastor Draayer

dents and Draayer had actually gone to Wisconsin, to lead a spiritual retreat at Central Waupun Christian School. The members of this fourteen-man mission drove up to the Packer's home state on Saturday, and let the spiritual

retreat at the high school there on Monday.

Dordt led the retreat under the theme 1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set and example for the believers in speech, in life,

in love, in faith, and in purity." Dordt kids led the high-schoolers in discussions about what it means to set and example in this verse, talking with the students in small groups.

Although the venture was labeled as a "youth ministry" trip, students with other majors as well as members of the GIFT praise band also lent their skills to the group. Junior English major Reid Rozeboom went along initially as a drum player. "I didn't even know that we were going to lead the high schoolers in small groups until later. Then I got really pumped about it." Freshman GIFT base player Wilbert Talen, also went along to bless the group with his base-playing skills. "We led worship in Brookfield CRC on Sunday morning and in 1st CRC in Waupun in the evening, and it went pretty well."

Draayer, who organized and went on the trip, says

planning for this experience began first semester. Waupun Christian wanted to have a spiritual emphasis day, and contacted Draayer about possibly getting Dordt students to lead. "I thought this would be a great opportunity for students to get some service learning experience," said Draayer. After talking with the advancement office and various authorities, Dordt agreed to foot the bill, and the youth ministry service learning road-trip to Wisconsin became a reality.

The mystery was solved when 13 tired students and one weary campus pastor pulled into Sioux Center at around 12:30 am Monday night.

The students went on to attend classes the next morning, tired, but happy they had made that weekend pilgrimage to America's Dairyland, Wisconsin.

Sikkema Selected for Oxford Seminars

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Assistant Professor of Physics, Arnold Sikkema, has the privilege to participate in the John Templeton Oxford Seminars on Science and Christianity.

The seminars are organized by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, and take place at Oxford, U.K., one month during the each of the next three summers. The seminars enable the awarded participants to research different areas within the field of science and religion.

The participants will partake in workshops, discussion groups and research counseling led by recognized scholars of science and religion. Participants will also present their research at the workshops during the seminars. Some of the research topics include the origin of science in the late middle ages, the human genome project, a cognitive approach to Christian anthropology and physical

immorality.

While the seminars are not in session, participants are expected to continue their research and reveal their findings. Research may be presented through giving lectures, attending conferences and publishing in scholarly or popular journals.

Participant selection was based on various factors relating to the amount of their commitment and understanding in the field of science and religion. A few of these factors related to the subject of their proposed project, the seminars' impact on the applicant's teaching and other activities and the scholar's support of his or her institution.

Around 100 individuals applied for the John Templeton Oxford Seminars, which started in 1999. Only 35 of the applicants were accepted into the program. "I thought that there would be far more than 100 applicants, so I wasn't assuming that I would be selected," Dr. Sikkema said.

Participants will gather together from all over the world.

Some come as far away as India, Germany, New Zealand, Scotland, Australia, Nigeria, Japan and Russia. Others are from the United States; anywhere from Texas to California to Pennsylvania.

Sikkema's current project is titled "Causality and Complex Systems." This project deals with the scientific understanding of the cause and effect to complex systems from a Reformed, Christian perspective. "I am interested in some of the questions such as what causality and complex systems mean," says Sikkema.

Sikkema attributes his interest in the causality and complex systems to Dr. Hisakazu Inagaki, who is a theology professor at Tokyo Christian University and will also be attending the seminars. "He got me thinking about complex systems after one of his lectures at Dordt College," Sikkema said.

Dordt College has arranged for Dr. Sikkema a three-quarter-time release for Spring 2004. Sikkema will then have the opportunity work on his research.

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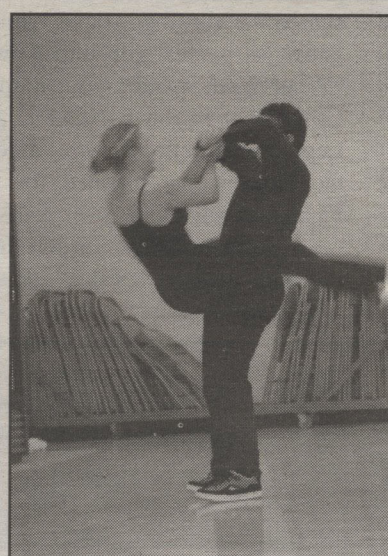
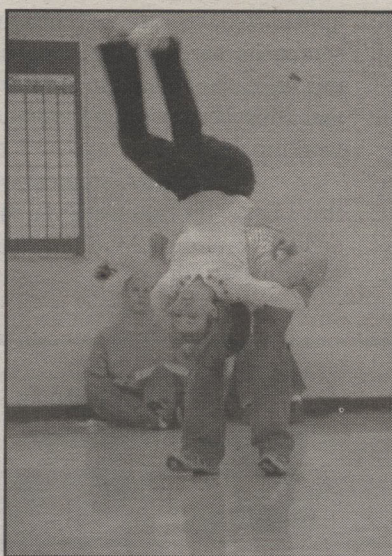
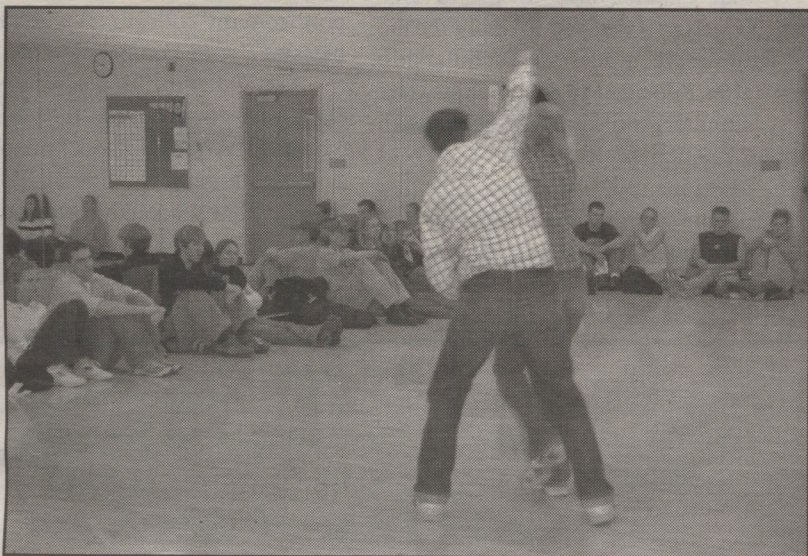
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The Country Swing Dance Class at the end-of-the-semester dance-off. A \$25 prize was given to the couple in the class who had the best dance manouevers.

Beka Schreur

Diversity within and without... Dordt

Steve Kloosterman
Editor

In one of these issues I'll write a cutting edge position piece on the government's involvement in Iraq, or an extremely important and boring piece about the need for an honors program here at Dordt. But for now, let's consider diversity (one of the by-words of modern culture) and its application to our own beloved just-over-a-hundred-acres-of highly-developed-prime-farmland (Dordt). Let's talk about diversity of *ideas*. **Diversity of opinions . . . in Academia**

When you cross the words "Dordt" and "diversity" in a discussion-friendly atmosphere, quite often the first thing that crops up is a sort of self-disparaging remark about how we, as a community, are too narrow-minded, restrictive, and homogeneous. One leaves such discussions with a sort of vague aching for a big state university, swarming with atheists, evolutionists, Marxists, and cow-dung-smearing "performance artists"—a place with a disparity of opinions as big

as all outdoors, where we Christians could find some really challenging discussion and clashing of worldviews. The concept of seriously debating a marijuana-smoking Marxist over the government's role in economics may seem exciting or attractive (and rightly so!).

But at the same time, it might be well to remember that such heated interscholastic discussions would be far less heated without a few Reformed, Bible-believing, "There is such a thing as right and wrong" Calvinists. Dordt is a bastion for a worldview under siege. If the reformed worldview becomes extinct, the academic community will just be that much poorer for the loss. Who will the Darwinists and Marxists argue with if we Christians disappear one day?

"Against the whole background, we are the diversity," says President Carl Zylstra. "We don't have a wide range of opinions ourselves, but outside of the mainstream, we are contro-

versial." I, for one, find it somewhat frightening that some atheistic academics could care less about discussion, even for its own sake, and refuse to acknowledge any scholarship that is fundamentally Christian. As President Zylstra noted in his Convocation speech last fall, more often than not, it's the big, public universities that are all too

often narrow-minded, restrictive and homogeneous.

A January 30 associated press report

"Our professors would—at least I hope. . . write recommendations if a student had declared him or herself a Darwinian or an atheist," says President Zylstra

stated that Texas Tech Biology Professor Michael Dini was refusing to write recommendations for any of his students who cannot affirm what he calls "the central, unifying principle of biology . . . the theory of evolution, which includes both micro and macro-evolution, and which extends to ALL species."

Dini proclaims on his website that anyone who questions the evolution of the species has a questionable "understanding of science and of the method of science." He asks, "How can

someone who denies the theory of evolution—the very pinnacle of modern biological science—ask to be recommended into a scientific profession by a professional scientist?" Texas Tech chancellor, David Smith, has supported Dini's decision.

Is Dini's policy even professional, itself? Marvin Olasky, editor of *World* magazine and a professor at the University of Texas, wrote in his February 15 column ("Arrogance and ignorance") that, "At the University of Texas, I've often recommended students with views antithetical to my own, and have assumed other professors do the same. Refusing to recommend students who have done good work goes against basic professional ethics" (*italics mine*).

"Our professors would—at least I hope, presume they would—write recommendations if a student had declared him or herself a Darwinian or an atheist," says President Zylstra. "We get challenged occasionally by funding agencies who ask if we teach evolution, and we do teach about it . . . but I would ask, do they ask other colleges if they teach creationism?"

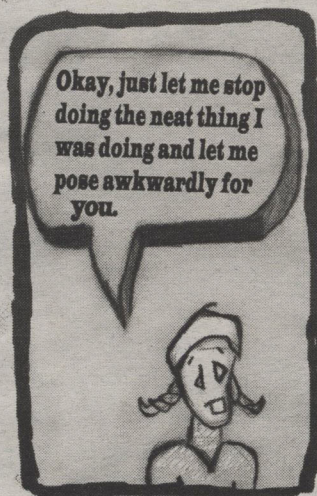
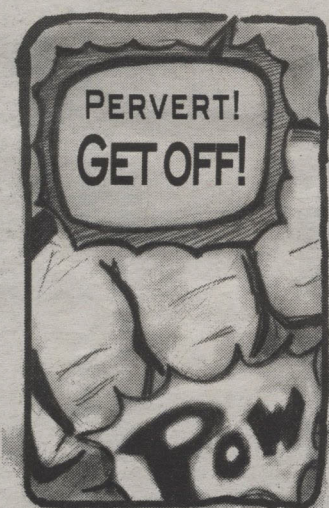
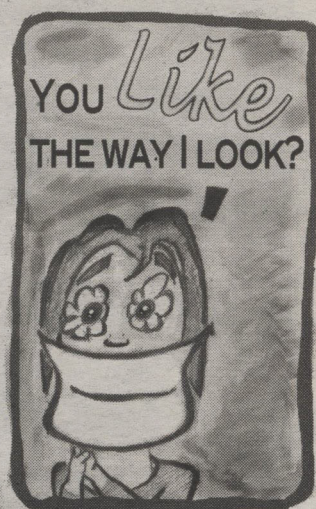
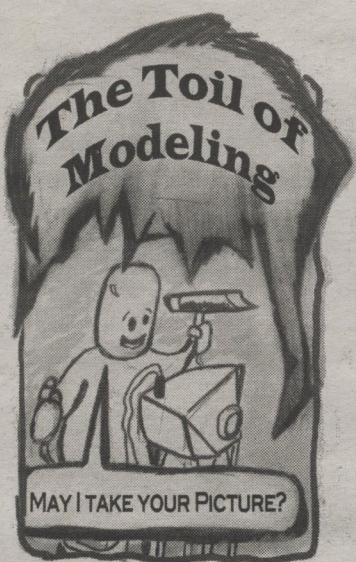
Diversity at Dordt . . . 'til the cows come home

It's important for Dordt to stay strongly polarized as a powerful force for the Reformed, Christian (not necessarily Christian Reformed) worldview in the international academic community. But within our own redbrick walls there's nothing wrong with keeping things interesting. Debate and discussion within Dordt, within the Reformed community, and within the community of evangelical Christians ought to be encouraged.

It's a good thing that we've had Peter Anderson and Stephanie Ogenorth sparring over stewardship and property rights on the back page of three issues of the *Diamond*. It's to the glory of God that we can argue about the possible war in Iraq in the *Humble Bean* and can still sit down and share a mocha with each other afterwards. It's a beautiful thing that Ann Andree and I publicly disagree about Christian gender roles.

"We need to say, 'this is who we are,'" says Zylstra, "but with our values and commitments, this is what we can do."

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Dear Editor:

I write this in response to your article of February 21, 2003, regarding the "TX". I would agree with you on giving the "TX" two thumbs up for the creativity and talent that was on display by the various acts. However, I would give the "TX" two huge thumbs down for the mockery and disrespect shown by stereotyping older or handicapped members of our community. It might be easy to excuse the emcees' theme and skits because of their own perspective on age and physical health. But really, what's next - seeing some racial group being stereotyped and mocked? Or how about gender differences? That's always good for a laugh.

But also, and more importantly, where was the supervision by the Dordt College staff? We are told that by doing our jobs around campus we are to set a positive example and offer guidance and correction when we see wrong. Instead, we saw staff and faculty participating in trying to get a laugh at someone else's expense!

It was very discouraging for me personally to see Dordt College community members make sport of someone who, because of physical weakness, may need to use a cane to move safely around. That is a reality in my life - one that I am having a hard time accepting and dealing with.

What ever happened to the loving Christian community that was once called Dordt College?
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Swinging BIG

A story of overcoming adversity



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Sarah hit Seth again last night, but it's not like you think. They're not married, related or abusive. They're just friends, and she generally hits him at least three times a night. Last night, she hit him because he stole his hat back. Seth has a black cowboy hat that Sarah likes to steal. She had the hat perched triumphantly on her head when he decided to grab it back. So she slugged him.

Seth laughed because Sarah is not capable of hurting him. Seth is 6'4", 250 pounds, and built like a football lineman. Sarah barely reaches five feet and one hundred pounds. She looks like a child standing next to him. When she glares up at him, she has to tilt her head back seventy-five degrees. When she hits him, she bounces off.

But Sarah doesn't mind swinging at things that are bigger than she is. She's been doing it all her life. When a body has been through as much as Sarah's has, the whole world is a giant laughing quietly to itself as it looms over a tiny giant-slayer and waits for a tiny attack.

Sarah laughs back.

On the night Sarah was born, the doctors discovered that she had been sharing an umbilical cord with her twin sister, Katie. For nine months, Sarah had been receiving all of her sister's waste and few of the nutrients she needed. Because of this lack of nutrients, parts of her brain had never developed properly. That night the doctors diagnosed her with pneumonia and a double hernia. They missed her five other

disorders, and she nearly died six times.

After Sarah started school, her other five disorders made themselves known. She was diagnosed with mild dyslexia at the age of five. At the end of the fourth grade, she discovered her hypoglycemia, a disease resulting in imbalanced blood-sugar levels. After she turned fourteen, the doctors finally admitted that she had epilepsy and mild cerebral palsy. Going into high school, Sarah was dealing with a speech impairment resulting from her cerebral palsy, lapsed homework resulting from her epileptic seizures, and difficulty reading resulting from her dyslexia. One would think she had three strikes against her. Sarah disagrees.

"I like to prove people wrong," Sarah says. She likes to talk about the English teacher who told her she would never make it to college. "She wouldn't give me a book even though I was in her college prep English class. She told me, 'I guess I have to let you in, but you'll be out of here in a week anyway.' I got an A. I got the highest grade in that class."

Sarah laughs whenever she recounts this story. "Here I am, in college," she says. "They told me not to bother." She's double majoring in history and theology, and although she had to take a semester off because of medical complications, she is determined to graduate with her degree.

"I don't like people telling me what I can't do," she says. "Unless they tell me that I can't drive a car,

because that's a good thing. I might have a seizure and kill someone."

Like any college student, Sarah has dreams. There are so many things that she can't do that she had hoped to do. She can never teach school. She can probably never get a job in the private sector. As long as she is on social security payments, she can't travel outside of the country. She can't spontaneously go out on a Friday night because she needs her medication. She can't take a bubble bath for fear she'll drown.

There are days when Sarah has a hard time laughing. Reading takes her too long, so she has to have other people read to her. She still mixes up her writing mechanics, so writing takes longer too. And epilepsy strikes at the worst times, usually when she's stressed or when she's tired. The resulting seizures shut her body down and leave her to sleep through her classes and homework. In such cases, all she can do is get out of bed the next day and hope her professors will be as understanding as they were last time. Sometimes she is frustrated to tears, but she still laughs.

Sarah laughs when she talks about the hole in her head that doctors discovered three years ago. "It's called chitzencephaly," she says. "I couldn't remember the name, but Katie called it sh--head disorder." She laughs when she reminds us that the state of Michigan has declared her unemployable and when she numbers her neurologists, she's got four of them in three states. She plots how she's going to get a government job because of the latest Disability Act, get off social security payments, and travel in Europe. She slays one giant at a time.

The summer between our sophomore and junior years, we all got a cheerful email from Sarah saying that she was going to have a device implanted to control her seizures. "It's sort of like a pacemaker for my brain," she told us. Epilepsy is caused by an imbalance in the electrical currents in the brain. The Vagus Nerve Stimulator (VNS) device fires electrical pulses through her brain via a covered wire to regulate these electrical currents. When Sarah has a seizure, she can trigger the device with a magnet on her wrist, and the seizure will subside. The VNS also fires automatically every five minutes to maintain regular brain currents. The electrical current runs by her voice box and makes her voice go hoarse, but that's better

than having a seizure.

Sarah laughs when the device fires electricity through her and makes her sound like a petite Godfather, or when her magnet picks up her fork and drops it beneath the dinner table. She laughs when the device doesn't work, and she sleeps through all of her classes because she had seizures the night before. Then she gets out of bed, apologizes to her professors, and starts catching up on her homework.

Sarah will spend five years working on her four-year degree, a fact that saddens her. Staying in one place when all her friends are

moving on will be hard, but Sarah understands that if she wants to take on the world, she has to be ready to give up a little more than most people. She has to be a little more determined and a little bolder than the rest of us. She has to be willing to swing at giants. So she swipes Seth's hat, zips over to the couch, and sits there, her hands on her hips, her tongue sticking out, her neck craned at seventy-five degrees. And we laugh because she's amazing. She's David with a VNS device and half of a college degree, and Goliath is about to come tumbling down in front of her.

Above: Sarah directly after her surgery.



Below: Sarah keeps a positive attitude and demonstrates her love for life.



Theft, lack of respect and an unanswered question

Steve Kloosterman
Editor

"Please do not spit on the glass," reads the sign on the glass door in the back of Covenant Hall. The door is covered with murky spots from head to toe where people have spit saliva and phlegm.

The lack of respect and general apathy for Dordt College facilities continues--and reached a new level of intensity last semester.

Last week saw the residence life staff locking up perennially messy floor kitchenettes in North Hall and removing the microwave from the main cooking facility (which had been replaced previously when it was found with the front door bashed in).

Signs on kitchenette doors indicate they will be re-opened after spring break, "pending an improvement in respect of the building and community." A full-length mirror was also smashed at approximately 2:00 a.m. last Sunday on second floor. A sign on the bathroom doorway reads, "Wear shoes. Broken glass."

"Really, this is a good dorm," says North Hall janitor Arnola Wynia. "It's just a few kids that make it bad for everybody else." One irritated student spread

leaflets around North Hall lobby condemning the lack of respect.

Last week also saw the Grille handing glasses to each customer with their order in a measure to discourage customers from taking glasses.

"We need to call this what it is, theft," says Director of Carrie Foods Jim Calkhoven.

Carrie Foods opened the Grille last semester with 240 glasses, or what Calkhoven calls "tumblers." Carrie Foods was down to 95 at one point, before ordering more (they also lost 160 tablespoons, but that's another story), and were running short during meals.

The Grille uses china and silver instead of Styrofoam and plastic ware as a result of the lobbying efforts of Shamar. Even if no one were stealing the Grille's stuff, it wouldn't be their first choice to have reusable materials.

Calkhoven spoke with Student Forum president Matt Deppe to see what, if anything, could be done about the situation. Deppe says Ann Du Mez, Tracy Owinga, Kristen Koning, and Tracy Winnerink collected more than two dozen stolen tumblers from students around campus.

The Grille was forced to

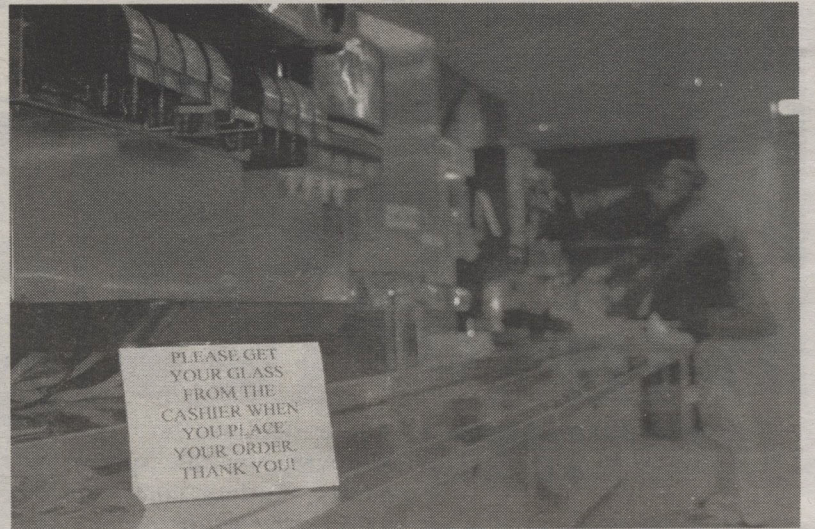
remove the candy bars, chips, and other snacks earlier this year, because of theft. The snacks, which stood out where students wait for their meals, were supposed to be "grab and go" items, says Calkhoven. "We thought kids would like them for their dorm. The problem was that kids did just that--'grab and go!'"

"My first concern is for the people [doing this]," says Calkhoven. "What we're seeing is an integrity issue. This could affect them for the rest of their lives."

The concern is that students will grow accustomed to living carelessly and dishonestly, and such behavior will carry over into the working world.

Or have some students just been raised to act this way?

"We ladies talk about it; we wonder if it's just this generation that's coming up, or... we haven't figured it out yet," says Wynia. "If you come up with an answer to that one, you can let us know."



Parking: preparing for the future

Ann Renée Andree
Assistant Editor

Parking poses challenges for vehicle-owners on campus. However, Dordt is doing their best to remedy the situation.

Finding a solution is difficult because Dordt wants to keep

the interests of the students and the community in mind--to balance and integrate the parking to suit everyone's needs as effectively as possible.

Parking issues have been a part of the college's planning process for a long time. During the last strategic plan, developed in 1989, suggestions were made

regarding how to address parking and pedestrian traffic on campus.

This past summer the Performa Group, a parking consultant company, came to campus and made some recommendations regarding parking and circulation issues. One consistent goal has continued to come up: make a walking-mall through the center of campus with green space and sidewalks as opposed to roads.

The first step in moving forward with some of these recommendations came with the completion of the Campus Center. The Campus Center plaza eliminated the flow of traffic through the middle of campus. The plaza, however, reduced the number of staff, visitor and commuter parking spots.

The college responded by creating a parking plan for the 2002-2003 school year. Changes were made in student residential parking in the main lot between East Hall and the gym, between Southview and East Campus, and between East Campus and the Rec Center. An additional 160 student residential parking spaces were added behind Covenant.

During the summer of 2003 Dordt will address some issues for the long-term. The first project is to add a parking lot west of the Classroom Building and extend the current lot. Residents of East Hall, West Hall, and North Hall would be able to use this parking lot. It is difficult to create parking for the west end of campus because of limited space, whereas the east side of

campus is more open. Adding a parking lot on the west side of campus will make more parking spots available, both for students and for the community.

With the addition of this new lot, parking between East Hall and the gym will most likely be made available for faculty and staff, commuters and campus visitors.

Dordt has thought very carefully about the well-being of both students and the community.

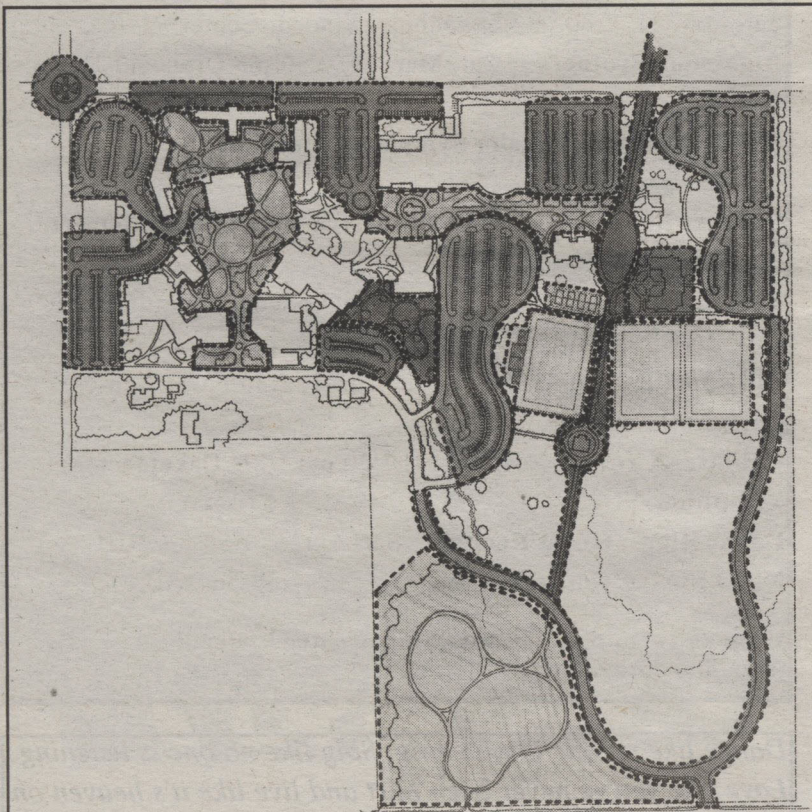
Ken Boersma says, "I would hope that the trade-off will be good for the students and the extended community." Dordt believes that this is the most effective balance.

Also in the planning is a scheme to create a small lot behind the Campus Center for faculty and staff during the day and event parking at night. The development of the area behind the Campus Center will also include green space with gardens.

The plans for the summer of 2003 have not yet been finalized. The Institutional Planning Committee will meet this week to consider these proposals and will need to give final approval.

Ken Boersma says, "One of the unique features of Dordt College is that we open our doors to the extended community."

Dordt wants to show hospitality to the community, and part of hospitality is offering accessible parking. On the other hand, Dordt wants to provide appropriate parking to the students as well.

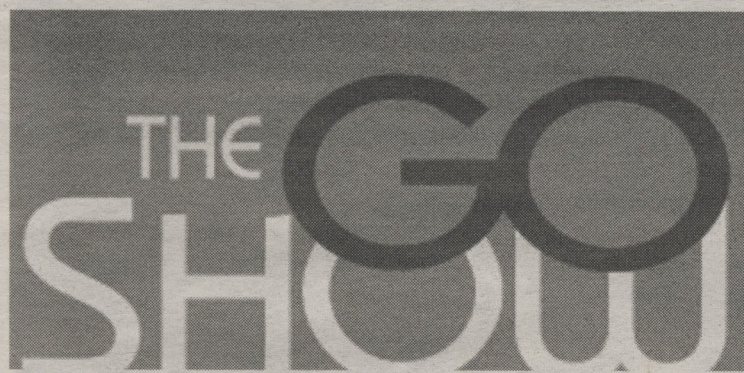


Left: Dordt had a parking study done by Performa. This is one of the proposed plans to develop parking on campus:

**Enhance scenic campus drive
Remove all parking from access drives
Create cul-de-sac drop off at Campus Center
Develop centralized staff/event parking
Develop perimeter parking for students**

(The Performa parking study is on DENIS at <http://denis.dordt.edu/documents/> and under the heading "Parking study").

Run, sprint, fly or carpool to...



Jason Mulder
A&E Editor

Sticking around during spring break? Well, all hope for excitement is not lost. Northwestern College is hosting the "Go Show" on Saturday, March 22, featuring the popular Christian bands

MERCYME



AUDIO ADRENALINE



Audio Adrenaline and MercyMe with special guests Kutless and The Swift.

This is the third Northwestern appearance for Audio Adrenaline, who sold out concerts with the Supertones and Jennifer Knapp in 1998 and with the Newsboys in 2001. Audio Adrenaline is accustomed to reaching their fans with the gospel, boasting a couple million records sold, multiple Grammy nominations, and several Dove Awards. With

the release of their new album "Worldwide" in February, the group wants to encourage listeners "to put their worship into motion and faith into action worldwide."

MercyMe also celebrates a fairly successful career. With sales of more than 1.5 million records, Dove Awards for Song of the Year with their hit "I Can Only Imagine," and a few turns on top of the Christian music charts, the group has made quite an impact considering

their original goal was simply that their album would allow them to continue supporting their families. Frontman Bart Millard comments on the group's success, "It's made us keep our noses in the Word even more because we've been given such a blessing and we don't want to mess it up. We want to have our hearts in the right place to follow through with what God's given us."

As part of this effort to put worship into motion, Audio Adrenaline and MercyMe have joined to form The Go Foundation, highlighting 10 to 15 "under-the-radar" missions organizations the bands want to help expose. The Go Foundation hopes to encourage and help kids to become involved in an organization that matches their strengths. There will be a booth at each concert where the Foundation will provide information to help accomplish this goal.

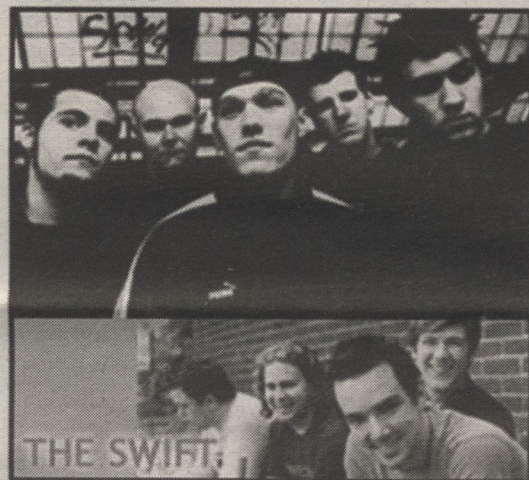
The show

also will include music by Kutless, a hard-rock high-energy band from Portland, Ore. and The Swift, a piano-based pop-rock group from North Carolina.

Tickets for the show are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, \$18 for groups of ten or more and are available from the Northwestern College Student Activities Office and area Christian bookstores.

If you don't have plans for break, you should definitely head to the Rowenhorst Student Center at Northwestern College for the March 22 show beginning at 7:30 p.m.

KUTLESS



THE SWIFT

Soccer, Japanese Style

Chris Maust
Staff Writer

Ah, Martial Art films. Other satiric comedies may make fun of using subtitles, but Martial Art films are one of the few to use them sincerely. This is the playground of improper voice dubbing and supernatural feats of strength. In these films, reality is not allowed to even cast a shadow on the vision of the director.

O, for comedy. This genre is home for tales of silliness and candor. With themes ranging from naïveté to raunch to philosophical wit, a comedy's ultimate purpose is to make us laugh.

Now that you have the two unrelated paragraphs above, mentally blend them together in a violent way and you may be able to visualize the film "Shaolin Soccer." Imported directly from Japan, "Shaolin Soccer" is a martial-art/comedy sports film about a family of dishonored brothers lost in the faceless toil of a downright Dickensian capitalist society. Each of them lives in his own personalized world of shame, occasionally remembering the glorious days of their youth when their father had trained them into teenaged masters of Shaolin Kung-fu. But the old-fashioned Shaolin Kung-fu style

has no place in their modern society of stock markets and preemptive strikes, so the six brothers separate and struggle with various dead-end jobs. Later, Brother Sing shares with the brothers a plan to use Shaolin to play soccer. United by a disgraced ex-soccer star named "Golden Leg" Hung, Sing and his brothers fight for Japan's national soccer title. And while Hung's nickname may sound impressive, his disgrace comes from his being crippled in his final match that he was bribed to lose. Golden Leg Hung is unable to actually play soccer, but his many years on the sideline have turned him into a wise and discerning coach. Together, they fight for the honor of the brothers' family, for the self-respect of Golden Leg, and for a victory won by strength of skill alone.

Before I continue, I MUST talk about Shaolin Soccer's special effects. When the brothers use kung-fu to play soccer, this does not mean they kick and punch the ball. No no no, this film is special because they use the best cinematic eye-candy I've seen since "The Matrix" to show the action. Imagine the goalie tossing the ball upfield to a midfielder who intercepts and passes it from fifty feet

above center field. The ball is received by another teammate who handles the ball with movements similar to those seen on the pommel horse in Olympic gymnastics competition. He passes off to another midfielder who scores a goal with his head after completing a flawless full-forward somersault. This sort of scene is shown every twenty minutes or so in the film.

However, a little bit of explanation is needed for this movie. Like I said, this film is direct from Japan and dubbed with English subtitles. Much of the film's fun comes from humorous mistranslations in the text, but I would like to point out that this is not due to any fault of the Japanese translators. English is simply not capable of communicating the detail and intensely specific meanings that the Japanese language uses. Also, many of the film's clichés and assumptions are difficult to understand without a little knowledge of Japanese culture, but this film may still be enjoyed without understanding everything.

If this film strikes your fancy, copies are available on eBay and through your network of Dordt College brethren. Do a little digging. You'll find a copy of it.

Check This Out

Jason Mulder
A&E Editor

- Choral Ensembles Winter Concert** Fri, Mar. 7, 7:30 pm BJH
- Disturbed** Sat, Mar. 8, 7:00 pm Pershing Center, Lincoln, NE
- The Go Show Tour featuring Audio Adrenaline and MercyMe, with special guests Kutless and The Swift** Sat, Mar. 22, 7:30 pm Rowenhorst Student Center, NWC
- Righteous Brothers** Sat, Mar. 22, 7:30 pm Orpheum Theatre, Sioux City, IA
- NISO sponsored Omaha Symphony Orchestra** Tue, Mar. 25, 7:30 pm BJH
- Concert Band & Chamber Orchestra Home Tour Concert** Fri, Mar. 28, 7:30 pm BJH
- Tori Amos** Sat, Mar. 29, 7:30 pm Orpheum Theatre, Sioux City, IA
- Billy Joel & Elton John** Tue, Apr. 1, 7:30 pm Hilton Coliseum, Ames, IA
- Counting Crows** Fri, Apr. 4, 7:30 pm USD Dakotadome, Vermillion, SD
- David Higgs, Guest Recital** Sat, Apr. 5, 7:30 pm BJH
- NISO Spring Concert** Tue, Apr. 15, 7:30 pm BJH

Have an event that you would like posted? Email jsnmldr@dordt.edu

Dance like no one is watching. Sing like no one is listening. Love like you've never been hurt and live like it's heaven on Earth.

--Mark Twain

Hockey seniors skate out in style

Leslie Larson
Staff writer

Name: Ryan de Lange
Hometown: Abbotsford, BC
Major: Bus: HR
Position: Center
How many years have you been playing hockey and how did you start?

I have been playing hockey since I was 5 years old. My parents took me out to skate and I hated it. My parents did not like that so they forced me to play and I fell in love with the game and played it ever since.

Why have you continued to play hockey over the years?
I would have to say the main reason was always the support I had received from my family. They always loved to watch me play, so I enjoyed it and kept on playing.

What is your most memorable moment in your hockey career?
There are many memorable moments but one of the most memorable moments was when I was in grade nine and our home hockey team faced off against a team from Sweden. It was a really fun experience, and it was interesting playing against a team that could barely



James Bentum, Travis Woudstra and Ryan de Lange take time out of pre-game pep talk to pose for the camera. The Blades finished the season with a 16-10-3 record.

speaking any English
Who inspired you to play hockey?
The person who inspired me most to play hockey would have to be my Dad. He always did it and I heard stories when I was younger so I wanted to do the same.
What is the best part of hockey?
The best part of playing hockey here at Dordt has always been the amazing fan support we receive week after week, it makes it that

much more fun to play.
What will you miss most about playing hockey at Dordt?
Like many things at Dordt my answer is always the people and friends I have made over the years!

Name: Travis Woudstra
Hometown: Littleton, Colorado
Major: Psychology
Minor: Sociology
Position: Left Wing

How many years have you been playing hockey and how did you start?
I have been playing hockey for 13 years. I began skating when I was 4 or 5 on a skating rink my dad would make in the backyard.
Why have you continued to play hockey over the years?
I have continued to play hockey because of the people that I have met and friendships I have formed through the sport. Plus I was good

at it.
What is your most memorable moment in your hockey career?

One of the most memorable moments in my hockey career would be in my first ever Blades game I got to take a penalty shot. Although we didn't win that game or any others that year... when the 600 or 700 people there started screaming-- If I remember right that goal got us back in the game and made the score like 9-2 or something. We were awful.

Who inspired you to play hockey?
My dad inspired me to play hockey. He taught me to have fun and love the game.

What is the best part of hockey?
The locker room.

What will you miss most about playing hockey at Dordt?
The locker room and the fans.

James Bentum, Collin Wielinga and Chris Veurink are also senior hockey players that helped the Blades in their successes this season. Veurink graduated in December, and Bentum and Wielinga declined to respond to our questions.

March Madness rumbles through Dordt campus

Calling all college basketball die-hards. As March Madness starts to sweep across the sports world, the *Diamond* staff invites you to try your hand at filling out a NCAA tournament bracket. The rules for this contest are as follows:

1. The contest is open to all Dordt students and faculty EXCEPT *Diamond* advisors and staff.
2. Brackets must be filled out and submitted (emailed) to Jacque Scoby (jcqscoby@dordt.edu) or Rachel Volkers (rchlvkr@dordt.edu) prior to the start of the first game of each tournament. The men's tournament begins March 18, and the women's tournament starts March 22.
3. Tournament pairings will be announced on Sunday, March 16. At that time, complete brackets will be available on the *Diamond* webpage. Please fill out which team you think will win each game. Also, please include scores for both Final Four games and the championship game. These will be used for tie-breaker purposes.
4. Winners will be determined on a points system. First round games are worth one point, and each successive round will increase in worth by two points. Final Four games will be worth ten points, and the championship game will be twelve points.
5. There will be one winner for the men's bracket and one winner for the women's bracket ONLY.
6. The same person may not win both brackets. In case of such an event, the winner will win the division in which he/she has the highest score. The second-place winner in the other division will then be awarded the prize for that division.
7. Each WINNER will win a FREE LARGE PIZZA from Pizza Ranch, courtesy of the *Diamond* staff.

Updates will appear in the *Today* throughout the tournament. Please contact Jacque or Rachel with any questions or concerns. Good luck!

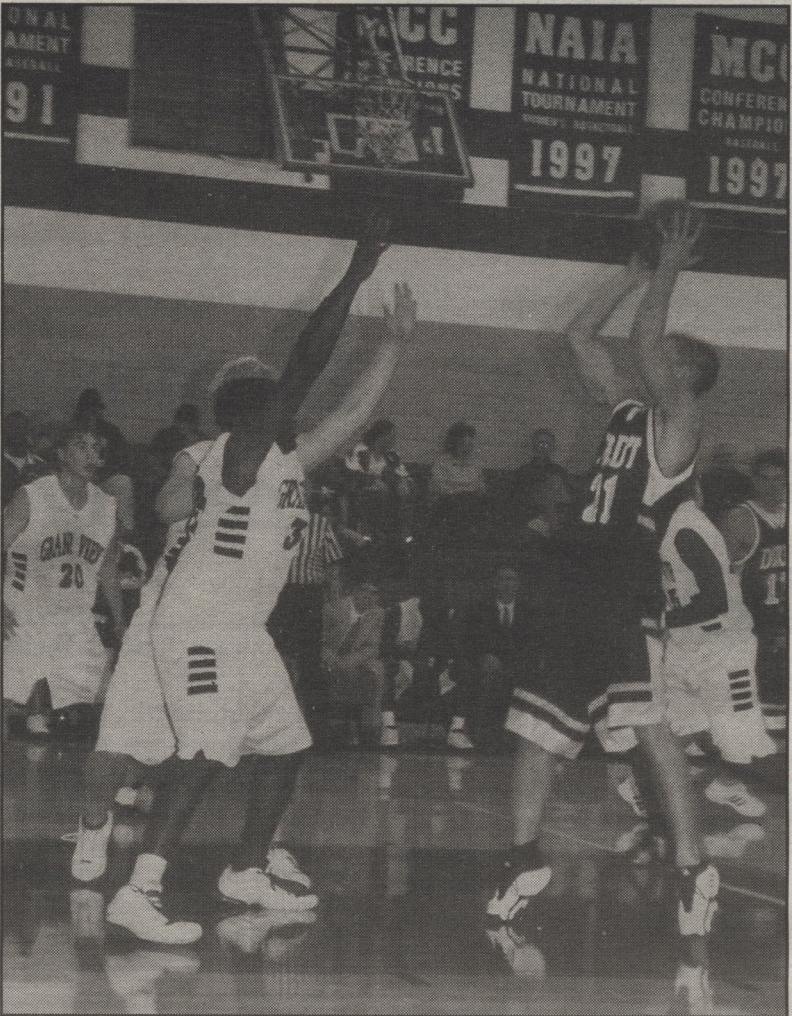


Photo submitted
Junior Kyle Van Arendonk goes up for two points in a game earlier this season. The Defenders concluded their season on Tuesday, losing an overtime decision to Concordia University (NE). Dordt finishes the season with a 19-11 record, one win shy of a berth in the NAIA Div. II National Tournament. The team will lose five seniors to graduation this year, including Evan Beimers, Eric Maas, Shawn De Stigter, Darin Beckering, and Ryan Dooyema.

Congratulations to the Defender men's basketball team on an excellent season. Also good luck to the track team at Indoor Nationals!

WORLD News



Compiled by Kristi Mulder from CNN.com

NEW YORK, New York -- The federal government will unveil a new \$20 bill at the end of March that will introduce a predominant but subtle color into the background, marking the first time in modern history that a U.S. bill will feature a color other than green.

PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania — Fred Rogers, better known as television's "Mister Rogers," a cultural icon and kindly neighbor to generations of American children, died last Thursday at the age of 74 after a brief battle with stomach cancer. David Newell, a Rogers family spokesman, told The Associated Press that Rogers was exactly as he appeared on TV. "He was so genuinely kind, a wonderful person," said Newell. "His mission was to work with families and children for television. ... That was his passion, his mission, and he did it from day one." Rogers began developing his ideas for children's programming in the 1950s. He is best known for "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," which began in its early form in 1963. The last original "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" aired in 2001, making it PBS's longest-running program ever.

PAKISTAN — Pakistan says it has no plans to hand a top al-Qaeda suspect to the United States after his arrest on Pakistani territory last weekend. Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the suspected planner of the September 11, 2001, attacks on the US, was arrested in a joint Pakistani-CIA operation near the capital, Islamabad, and is now in Pakistani police custody. Sheikh Mohammed is now being questioned jointly by Pakistani and US intelligence officers. Washington has described him as one of al-Qaeda leader Osama Bin Laden's "most senior and significant lieutenants". Mr Mohammed has long been on the FBI's most wanted list, and the US had recently increased the reward for his capture to \$25 million.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Supreme Court ruled last Wednesday that anti-abortion protesters cannot be prosecuted simply for blocking clinic doors and other disruptive behavior. The ruling applies to variety of political and ideological protests, and its outcome was supported by many free-speech advocates. At issue was the fairness of using federal laws against racketeering and extortion to go after anti-abortion groups who use, according to the official Court filing, "sit-ins and demonstrations that obstruct public's access" to medical clinics. Chief Justice William Rehnquist, writing for the 8-1 majority, noted that because the protesters "did not obtain or attempt to obtain [clinic] property, both the state extortion claims and the claim of attempting or conspiring to commit state extortion were fatally flawed."

Nuclear Power - The Energy of the Future?

Don Stenburg
Guest Writer

Imagine

Imagine a world where you can drive to work and the only carbon dioxide released is from your own breath; a world where acid rain and air pollution are only distant memories because fossil fuels simply aren't used. Envision a world with low energy prices that never fluctuate; a world without reliance on unstable energy imports and fossil fuels, where oil spills aren't even a possibility.

Contemplate a world that doesn't need to worry about running out of energy for tens of thousands of years. It sounds surreal, but it doesn't necessarily have to be. Nuclear power offers more than just environmental and economic stewardship.

Nuclear Power

Nuclear power could also give NASA the ability to develop new technologies and launch more ambitious missions, while still remaining (relatively) low-cost. It could be harnessed to extract fresh water from the ocean to alleviate the problem of insufficient water supplies, especially in some poorer nations. It could be utilized to separate water into hydrogen and oxygen, which could be used as pollution-free fuels. Nuclear power could provide a strong incentive to develop advanced robots and rudimentary AI, which could be expensive initially, but once they were developed they could be cheaply and effectively employed in a plethora of different industries.

Addressing the risks

But what about problems like radiation, accidents and nuclear wastes? First, an accident like Chernobyl could never happen in America. Not only are our new reactor designs self-regulating, but we mandate the construction of a massive concrete shield around all plants that can withstand even the impact of a large commercial jet, and effectively contain virtually all radioactive wastes in the unlikely event of critical failure. Even at Three Mile Island no measurable negative health effects were ever found from the small amount of radiation that leaked out, and it isn't surprising. You get far more radiation from a single medical x-ray than you get from living next to a nuclear power plant your whole life. You get significantly more radiation from the natural environment than you do from a medical x-ray.

What about the waste?

As for nuclear waste, reprocessing is an intelligent option that would drastically reduce waste by extracting useful elements from spent fuel and reusing them. Deep geologic storage is a viable option for the remainder, where it is likely to last the few hundred years required before it decays to the radiation levels of the original ore. Or, like France, we could mix it into cement and put it back in the mines where the originally radioactive ore was taken from. Nuclear waste isn't a terrible burden for future generations.

I don't see any objections that

remain when the issue is studied thoroughly and understood well. But I do see an abundance of benefits that we would be depriving both ourselves and our children of if we fail to embrace nuclear power with humility and caution.

Thanks to the Nuclear Energy Institute and the U.S. Department of Energy for additional information.

Fast Nuclear Facts

***Nuclear power can come from the fission of uranium, plutonium or thorium or the fusion of hydrogen into helium. Today it is almost all uranium.**

***The fission of an atom of uranium produces 10 million times the energy produced by the combustion of an atom of carbon from coal.**

***Natural uranium is almost entirely a mixture of two isotopes, U-235 and U-238. U-235 can fission in a reactor, and U-238 can't to a significant extent. Natural uranium is 99.3 percent U-238 and 0.7 percent U-235.**

***There are about 400 licensed nuclear reactors in the world. The expansion of nuclear power depends substantially on politics, and this politics has come out differently in different countries.**

***A large plant generates about a million kilowatts of electricity - some more, some less.**

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Bush lauds drug programs treating with religion

Kelly Kuiken
Staff Writer

As a Christian rock band belted out a set of love songs focusing on Jesus, nearly 100 men and women entered the sanctuary. They came carrying bibles, avoiding eye contact and hoping for liberation from the addictions crippling their lives. Soon a woman took up a cordless microphone and began to preach a mix of scripture and self-help.

"The same God who delivered me can do the same for you," said the woman, Tonja Myles, as she describing her victory years ago over addictions to drugs, alcohol and abusive men. "If you're hurting tonight, we know the one who can make you whole, and that is Jesus."

These Friday night sessions were singled out by President Bush in his State of the Union address last month as an example of "recovery programs that do amazing work." In that speech, the President unveiled his proposal to spend \$600 million on drug programs over the next three years to help 300,000 more addicts get treatment.

Many drug treatment professionals were thrilled to hear the President direct the nation's attention to a social epidemic. But some were troubled that of all the nation's treatment programs, the President seemed to hold up programs that are religiously sectarian, unlicensed, untested and not clinical in their methods as a model deserving government support.

Appreciative anecdotes from participants in a newspaper article caught the president's attention, but no one has studied the ministry's impact on those who attend.

The money from the President's drug treatment initiative would go toward vouchers that would be given to addicts to pay for treatment at any program that a state deemed effective—including religious programs.

The White House says the plan does not violate constitutional prohibitions on government support for religion because the money goes toward the addicts' vouchers, not to the programs directly. Critics call it a strategy designed to dodge laws on separation of church and state.